## WASHINGTON LETTER.

An Interesting Interview With a Wes Point Graduate.

Something of the Noted Military Academy -Duttes and Studies - & Cadet in Pull Uniform and His Room at the Harracks-General Morritt.

WASHINGTON, 14 -The Board of Visitors, appointed by the President a low days since to visit West Point, are beginning to make their arrangements for their visit of inspection to this noted school. "It is the best military institution in the world," said an enthusiantic West Point graduate to your correspondent, talking of the academy and its course of development. "They have their schools in France and England and Germany where the various branches are taught, but here in our West Point Academy we have all the features of military life for the student, so that when he graduates from it he is a thorough soldier, fit for the cavalry or infantry or artillery, as he may prefer." "What branch of the service is most popu-

lar with the graduates of the school?" "Well, I think the cavalry is the most sought after now. It used to be the artillery, but of late the conditions have

changed and the cavalry is more popular." "How have the conditions changed?" "In this way: In the artillery few die and none resign. Now, in the cavalry service on the plains, hard work, exposure, Indian fighting and that sort of thing kills them off



off shead of them very fast, they see that that is the one for them, for their chances of promotion are much better there; and that is largely what the army officer lives for, Why was the artillery more popular here-

Probably because it is considered a higher grade of the service. There are more things to learn in preparing for the artillery service, and it is considered a higher rank of the service. So it happens that men who pass highest often get this service. This, perhaps, made it the most popular rank for merly, because all students observed that the brightest men went into it. But it is not so

"Are the cadets permitted to select the branch of service into which they will en-

"They are permitted to express a preference in the matter, and this preference is taken into account in distributing them as they are assigned to duty after they grainate. Their wishes are not always gratified but they usually are where it is practicable." "Do all cadels enter the army after their

"As a rule, yes. They take an obligation on entering upon the military course at the Point to serve four years in the army after their school term is ended. Sometimes they tender their resignation after they get through their term of service, but this is not often the case. They are usually assigned to a position at once in the lowest rank as commissioned officer, and given a chance to work "What is the rank to which they are first

"That of Second Lientenant, If they go into the military or infantry they are liab.e



to stay there perhaps during their four years. If they go into the cavalry and are able to stand the exposure, they are promoted more

"And at the end of the four years, what

"Oh, they may go on as officers as long as they like, or they may tender their resigna-tion at once when the term expires. Most of them hold on, for there is a tascination about who has had as much as four years experierce and promotions, that few of them care

"Do you mean, then, that nearly all of those who enter the Military Academy at West Point become military men for the re-

"By no means. On the contrary, more then half of the number drop out before the end of the four years' course is reached. It is a very difficult course, you know, and only the best of those who start into it come out. They drop by the way at every examina-

'How many are there in school, and what are its requirements?"
. "Each Congressional District and Territory is entitled to have one cadet at the Academy.

This is also true of the District of Columbia.

Ten cadets are appointed at large after all? And I to by the President of the United it. Tee boo-hoo!"

States. The appointments, with the excep-



more rapidly.

"And do you mean to say that this makes the cavalry service the more popular? Do the military cadets so long for death that they have to court it in this way?"

"Oh, nc. You don't understand at all. They court promotion, not death; and when they see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academy see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academy see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academy see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academy see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academy see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academics texa notices. They court promotion, not death; and when they see a service in which officers are dying the admission to the academics texa notices. the admission to the academy is between seventeen and iwenty-two years. Candi-dates must be unmarried, at least five feet in height, and free from any deformity, disease or infirmity which may render them untit for military service. They must be well versed in reading, writing, including orthog-raphy, in arithmetic, and have a knowledge of the elements of the English grammar, of descriptive geography, particularly of this country, and of the history of the United States. No provision whatever is made for the payment of the traveling expenses of either accepted or rejected candidates for admission to the academy, but the pay of a cadet is \$540 per year, beginning with his ad-mission to the institution. He must wear the prescribed uniform, the cost of the outlit

> "Are the duties so severe and the studies so hard that more than half of those who enter fail, as you have stated?"

for which is about \$00."

"Yes, the work is very hard. The activitics have no break throughout the entire year. Work beginning with the first of September lasts to the end of the year. After a few days consumed in examinations another term begins, which tasts till the 31st of May. Then come examinations which last till about the middle of Jane, from whence, until the middle of August, the cadets live in camp on the plain. During this period no regular studies are pursued, books being largely thrown aside for practical work, such as surveying, astronomical observations, etc. Practical surveying in the field during the season of camping outaptly supplements the studies in drawing. The study of millitary tactics comprises practical instruction in the schools of the soldier, company and battalion, and in artillery and cavalry. With the third year the successful cadet is ad vanced to the study of natural and experimental philosophy, chemistry, mineralogy and geology, freehand drawing and landscape in black and white, constructive and architectural drawing in ink and colors, while tactics are continued and practical military engineering added to the hard work of the period. In the past year the scope of studious pursuit is enlarged by the addition of civil and military engineering and the science of war, the Spanish language, international, constitutional and mintary law, outlines of the history of the world, and technical instruction in ordnance and gunnery and signaling. Along with these and other subjects of book study comes practical instruction in the construction of pontcon and spar bridges, in laying out field and siege works, in astronomy, sucveying, military recouncilsances, field telegraphy, signaling and of course tactics. As regards the last named, care is taken that each day adds to the cadets acquaintances with there throughout the whole course of four years. From September to the 15th of June cavalry drill is practiced at West Point with great a siduity. The exercises are carried on in the plain when the weather is suitable, and during the severity riding is taught in a ball, erected for the purpose. A perfect stat on horseback is secured to the possession of every cadet by the course pursued, comprises the performance of surprising feats, as for example, picking up objects from the ground when the horse is at fall gallop without alighting. Men are exercised in attempts to unseat one another while on horseback, the use of the revolver and saber under the same circumstances, and in other ways serving the object of making them proficient in the employment of such instruments of war as are carried by cavalry in actual service. In-Isntry drill is practiced throughout Saptember; in October, artitlery drill. Daring the the cold weather of November, December, and down to March 15, the cadets have target pratice under coller. In the second half of March infantry drill prevails. On April I artillery drill begins and lasts throughout the ensuing two calender months. Infantry dill is then resumed, and a'terna'es with ar-

Woe is Mau!

Wee unto man! Of how little consequence is his joy. In infancy he is full of colic and catnip. and in youth he goeth about with a thorn in his heel.

tillery drill to the end of August."

In the evening of life he lieth down full of rheumatism, sches and anti-billious The places that once knew him know him

row only by the promissory notes and accounts he has left unpaid. And this is the end of man. He cometh forth in fine raiment and a

standing collar, and at noon-tide he goeth about with one suspender and with the seat of his pants patched with an old sock. He carrieth a terch in the procession, and shoopeth it up for for his party, and behold, the man who staid at home is appointed

Such is the career of man. Lo! in an hour when he dreameth not of t, a breechy mule kicketh him athwart the center and he dieth.

Little by Little. Little by little the times go by-Short if you sing through it, long if you sigh; Little by little-su hour, a day, Gone with the years that have vanished away; Little by little the race is run. Trouble and waiting and toll are done! Little by little the world grows strong. Fighting the battles of right and wrong; Little by little the wrong gives way, Little by little wright has sway; Little by little all longing souls Struggle up nearer the shining goals.

You got my last letter, hubby, did you?" "Yes, dear; and do you know what a good taste in the mouth is like?"

"To be sure, darling."

Ha, ha! what a dear, droll man!" "It was as crisp and fresh as the first peep of lettuce after a hard winter. after all? And I took so much pains w

"Well, that's the way your letter seemed

AMUSEMENTS.

tion of these ten, are made by the Becretary of War at the request of the Representative or Delegate in Congress, and the person appointed must be an actual resident of the district or Territory from which the appointment is made. Appointments are required by law to be made one year in advance of the date of admission, except in cases where, by reason of death or other causes, a vacancy occurs which can not be provided for by such appointments in advance. These vacancies are illed in time for the next anunal examination. A candidate upon receiving his appointment is ordered to report at West Point to the Superintendent of the Military Arademy in time to appear before the Academic Board for examination at its meeting early in June, unless there is good reason for designating another time. Soon after his arrival he is subjected to a rigid physical examination by a board of experienced surgeons of the army. If he passes successfully this examination he is then examined by "Uncle Tom's Cable," during the Orphaus' will be given Monday and Toesday evenings and at the Tuesday matinee; Wednesday matinee, 'Pygmalion and Galates;' Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday matinee, 'East Lynne.' Friday and Saturday evenings 'A Celebrated Case,' and Saturday matinee 'Pygmalion and Galates,' The company made a great hit here last season and the Sentinel thus spoke of their first performance of the 'Two Orphans,' i'The I wo Orphans,' as interpreted last evening by the Walker Company, aroused just as much enthusiasm as in days of yore, and every climax brought forth a storm of applause. Miss Arne Walker, the star of the company, is a beautiful little lady of only thirteen years, but she evinces the ability of one thrice her age. In fact, she is a prodigy, and her assumption of the difficult role of 'Louise,' the blind girl, was so well cons'dered and thoroughly artistic as to stamp her at once as an actres; of great stamp her at once as an actress of great promite. Not only did she read her lines excellently, but every little detail of stage business' was given proper attention. For one so young she certainly has a great future before her. Lucile Atlen Walker, as 'Mme. Frochard,' was also good, as was Mr. Irvin Walker as 'Picard.'' The company has been greatly strengthened since last sesson, and embraces, among others, Miss Ella Lattimer, a well-known Indianapolis lady. Such an attraction as this should, and no doubt will, fill the Grand to overflowing at every parfill the Grand to overflowing at every per-formance. Remember the prices will be only 10 and 20 cents.

ATTRACTIONS AT ENGLISH'S THIS WEEK. The well-known specialty company "Rise's Surprice Party" will hold the boards at English's all the coming week, producing that sparkling musical comedy "Pop, or the Fortunes of a Dramatic Author." This company appeared at English's last season, and to good business. There has been a charge in the cast, but instead of weakening the quality it has made it strenger. Cheap prices will rule at this engagement. To show what our neighbors think of this show, we reproduce the following, clipped from a Cincinnati

An excellent feature of "Pop" is the excellent music introduced into the dialogues.
"Adolphus Pap," the leading character, wis played by Mr John Ince in a clever manner. Charles L. Harris, as "Mr. John Anthony Belsize," did his work in a thoroughly actor like

manner, and makes an excellent, stately Southern Ben F. Grinnell, as "Char'es Page." makes an excellent Englishman, while his song, "Don't leave Your Mother," is a touching and beautiful bal'ad, and was rendered exceedingly well. Fred M. Mayer played "Tim Smart," the doubtful character, to perfection, while his recitation was a pathetic gem that melted the entire and

Miss Hattie Starr, the leading lady support, who assumes the part of 'Sophia Belsize,' a character rendered famous by Kate Castletou, is not only an artist, but a very beautiful and accomplished woman, Her great topical song, entitled, "All a Matter of Taste," was one of the hits of the evening, she having res; onded to six er chores. The rest of the cast, including Jennie Dunn as "Belle Adams," Ella Gardner as "Adeie Pop," Miss Emma Jones as "Jeannette." and Master Dunn as "Spriggins," fare very clever, and were well received by the audience.

An entire change in the programme will be made at this popular place of amusement this week, and the bill is especially strong. The stage performance will embrace the finest array of talent that has ever appeared at the Museum, and the best attractions that Manager Sackett has recured for Curiosity Hall is long, varied and interesting. There will be no drams this week, the bill embracing specialty acts only, and some of the people who will appear are the finest in the business. The combination is a consolida-tion-Russell Brother's, Meteors, and Lang and Sparpe's Magnets, and doubtless the strongest organization of the kind now before the public To establish the truth of this ssection, it is only necessary to say that this consolidation includes such well known pro-French and Clark, song and dance artists; Horace Waters, negro delineator; Charles Pilson, contortionist; George Delmore, clog dancer; the Davenport Brothers, German character actors; Little Rosins, the great child artist: James Riley, vocalist; Sam Long and Dolly Sharpe, in their excellent comedy act, and William J. Mills, the calebrated ventrilequist and vocalist. This is a remarkably strong list of comedians, singers and sketch people, and Manager Sackett has displayed much discrimination in his salections. A gweeping change will also be made in Curio Hall, and some of the best eatures obtainable will be on exhibition among them the three-legged man, a most wonderful freak of nature; the Mormon triplets, whose combined height reaches twenty-five feet; Na's Meleke, the celebrated snake charmer; the Ohio mam moth man, and many others of a most novel character. Taken all in all, the show at the Museum this week is one of the best if not the best ever seen in that piace, and the attractions should pack the house at each per-

Manegar Gilmore has telected an unusual good corps of actors and actresses for the or ming week. Every one can go to this popnisr resort and are sure to enjoy them elves The following artists are well known among the profession: Gibson and Ryan, Irish or medians; Gallagher and West, Ethiopians; the well known Gray sisters, song and dance team; Dr. Linn, the vivisectionist; Maude Walke, serio comic; Gilden a d Drayton, black-face artists; Charles Schilling, musical moke; Blanche Stelson, songs and dances; Smith and Lawrence acrobatic clog dances; Murphy and Mills, change artists. This is the largest programme that has been given at this theater since the helidays. The price of admission is ten cents, giving all an opportunity to see a rold performance. Two shows every

FREDERICK N INNE! Mr. Innes, "The Trombone Cornetist," will within the next two weeks give a concert in this city. He has been styled "The Trombone Cornetist" from the fact that he plays with the utmost facility on the slide the cornet. In fact, his execution is so startling, so immensely astonishing, that he not only plays many solos which, thro' their difficulties, are beyond the abilities of most cornet players, but he actually per forms, entire, the most difficult violin solos: and all this he does in the most natural manner in the world, without effort or exertion. He performs with the most astonishing ease and brilliar cy'the mest marvelous trills, roulades, chromatic runs, etc., until the listener is in turn enchanted and astonished: enchanted with the grace, phrasing, soulthrilling tones of this most wonderful virtuoso, and astounded by the marvelous effects he produces on an instrument hitherto considered beyond mastery.

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# **ADMITS**

E J. Nugent, Manager of the Matisck Combination, is one of the most popular

gentlemen in the business. "The peason at English's Opera-house, take it all in all, has not been such a bad one," Manager English smilingly remarked the other day.

Mr. Augustin Daly has acquired the right to produce Pimro's comedy, "The Magistrate," now running in London, in this country next season.

Marsh Adams was born in the year of 1837 at Huntsville. Ala He made his appear ar ce as "Old Black Joe," in the song of that name | written by Will Hayes) while a mem ple as the Russell Brothers, character sctors: | ber of Haverly' first minstrel troups, years

MUSICAL NOTES. Mis Ada Brown is a very sweet soprano

Summer concerts by the reorganized When Band will soon be the order of the day. Dan DaWolf is now singing the solo tenor | city.

parts in the First Baptist Church choir. The many friends of Miss Lottie Adams are anxious for her to adopt the operatio stage, professionally.

Charles Kiefer commenced a course of study with Professor Baissenherz on Wednesday evening of last week at Lyra Hall. All of our local musical people were pres-

ent at the Theodore Thomas concert, and were quite demonstrative in their approval. Several musical numbers, which were quite enjoyable, were given at the First

Mr. Clarence Forsythe, after a short rest from his recent hard study in Garmany, will take charge of a large plane class in this | Thus, after innumerable ups and downs, the close

The regular concert of the Matinee Music cale was well attended by the friends of that organization on last Friday at Plymouth

The sacred concert given by the City Band and Orchestra at Maennerchor Hall last Sunday was a successful one both financially and musically.

A concert was given at Masnnerchor Hall last Tuesday evening by the Phonix Liter-ary Society, which was much enjoyed by a large and enthusiastic audience.

Miss Anna Wilcox, who is well known as a bright and promising young planist, has prepared several collections of her own composition, which are very highly spoken of. Mrs. Sue Ingersoll McWilliams, the wellknewn composer of "Afraid," "Pass Under the Red" and otier beautiful songs, has again located at her old home, Covington,

A city paper announce that Will B Stone. the planist, formerly of this city, will return shortly, for a visit. This deservedly popular young musician should be tendered a benefit trembone the most difficult solos written for | concert by his old friends and admirers during his atsv.

> In the next two weeks we shall have a surfeit of good things, musically. Among those already announced are R'allin's recital, and public concerts by Madame Ada Heine, the Indispapolis Chorus Society, the Mendelstohn Society and the Apollo Quartet. Two piano recitals will be given at Pfaff. lin's Music Hall Friday evening, May 22,

and Saturday matinee, May 23, by the cele-brated pianist, Emil Liebling, of Chicago, who will be assisted by the Apollo Quartet and Mrs. Eurique Miller, of this city. Mrs Nettie Johnson made her appearance for the first time since her return from Boston on Wednesday evening at Plattlin's Hall, it being the occasion of the Knights of

some vacant lot in a city shan on the far off | class, he thinks the musical taste in this city does not run in that direction.

Mrs. Joseph E. Cobb, one of our best so prano singers, has united with the choir of Christ Church. Mrs. Cobb is a pupil of Oca Pramon, and it will be remembered that at a recent meeting of the Indianapolis Chorus Society she created quite a favorable impression by her rendition, for the first time in this city, of "Jessie's Dream," a song ilinstrative of the historical "Siege of Luck-

At the conclusion of the Bailey-Foster concert at Covington a few evenings ago Mr. Emil Wolschner, who was in that city on business, gave a very pleasant supper party to his friends and customers at the Tre nont House. Among the prominent musicians resent were Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sawa !. Mr. and Mrs. M. Myers, Miss Lydia Myers Miss Land, Professor Mack Adamson and Messrs, Lynn Spinning, James Stewart and Perry Lexis, of that place, and Mrs. Leon Bailey, Miss Lulu Burt and Messrs. Wulschver, Ingails, Ostendorf and Foster, of this

SPECULATION IN CHICAGO.

The Market During the Week Fluctuate Rapidly to Very Narrow Limits, the Week's Closing Prices Being About the Same as Last.

Special to the Sentinet. CHICAGO, May 16 .- The past week in the specula-

tive markets on 'Change has been one to make the heart of the scalper rejoice. The range of prices has been only fair, but fluctuations were rapid Baptist Church Social last Wednesday even encush to satisfy the quickest trader. There seemed to be any amount of eddies and counter currents, and though there was plenty of pulling and hanling neither party made much progress. shows no great change from the prices current seven days ago. At the start the reduction in the visible was considerably greater than had been expected, and on this the crowd was inclined to buys But Jones, Norm Ream, Adams and George Smith. who throughout the week have conducted a serie, of vigorous and determined on-laughts, claimed that a large share of the apparent decrease was due to the opening of navigation and the sending forward of grain sold long ago, and hence the novement was not to be considered as a bull argument. Crop reports were of even a more gloony tenor then heretofore but the warm growing weather and bright sunlight streaming in upon the floor of the Exchange destroyed their influence. It was principally upon belief in this damage that the country had invested, and as their margins d'suppeared the granger speculation fairly poured in their "crop killing" stories From Kantas came reports that the grain had a rellowish and sickly look-just the kind to be attacked with vermin and disease. Texas and ou slana advices said that awarms of grasshop p rs were moving north ward and destroying everyning as they went, while Illinois and Missouri farmers complained that the Hessian fly and chirch bugs were leaving nothing but the wire fences. Still operators did not pay much attention and while occasionally in imagination a spectral grasshopper might be seen chasing a noncomba'ant bear across the floor, the grasshopper always headed the procession on the return. As a rule operators regard the injury as real and generally acknowledge the next crop will to split not a great way from the middle, but all appear to have made up their minds that not until about harvest time will the shortage have any effect upon the market. In the meantime they propose to gouge as many scalps as possible out of each other and outside "lambs." During the week the bulls, especially the private wire crowd, have several times endeavored to rope in some war talk on the boys, and in nearly every instance have succeeded in boosting values up a stance have succeeded in boosting values up a point or two, showing in what a sensitive condition the market is. Of course the advance did not hold as the news was altogether bogus and eternal peace the order of the day. About the only new feature developed is the reported advance in the prices paid for grain by interior millers, which would seem to prove that the invisible supply is much less than generally supposed.

Corn opened very bullish, but the deal has gradually flattened out as the suspicion that Losier

Clara Morris will make "Demise" the principal role in her repertoire next season.

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Buffalo Bill had an audience numbering 30,000 a few days since at St. Lonis. It seems to pay better to hunt the buffalo on it being the cocasion of the Knights of the Strip for fature success is very bright.

Corn opened very bullish, but the deal has gradually getting rid of his grain through brokers gained ground. The easy feeling has also been helped along by the fine warm weather and their spring work. Still the ratio of receipts and shipments points as much toward strength as every, and with stocks in store here exarcely equal to two days' shipments, sellers to day may be very anxious buyers to morrow. Recent sales of June

Promptly at the hours announced the performances must commence, so that

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month to the other have considerably wideced the premium between the two options. l'iovisions have ruled stagnant all the week. Not the least interest appears to be taken in the

irade, though there are pointers out that a break in pork may be expected before long. Armour and other packers are about the only "shorts. They have been feeding the speculators for months, and as they control the cash propert they now propose to shake everybody out. The fact that bogs are piling at the rate of 20,000 to 25,-000 per day, with prices for them steadily declining and no prospect of a let up, is a discouraging feature to holders of the product.

On the Ball Ground.

Youth's Companion. An amateur base-bail match by skilled per formers is for many resnous a speciacle werch considering. It is certainly a very premy sight, with the youthful players in neat, gay uniforms dotting the close shaven green, and the ladies in summer brilliancy scated rank above annk on benches like these of a circos, while boys squat on the grass in groups, or lie down with head and heels in the sir, or tant corner on a pile of boards higher than

It is a very striking spectacle when the game is at a critical point, and all eyes are strained to watch the issue of a capital stroke. We have seen farmers on a load of hay, on a day threatening showers, come to a halt and linger for a whole hour, unable to get away from the fascination of the contest New England people, who are not gifted in cheering, really abandon themselves to applause when a favorite player "saves the game' by a great hit or a splendid catch.

They cheer like New Yorkers-almost, People who think the human race is detariorating in America do not find confirms tion of their theory on the ball-ground. Both the strength and the beauty of the haman form are exhibited there in as near an approach to pefection as in the areass of Greece, when Phidias and Praxiteles sculptured it.

This game calls into the most active exercise every muscle and bone of the body. It also shows off the symmetry of a fine form to great advantage, and we are sure that our ball players could furnish to sculpture shapes as perfect as those of the accepted

The undiminished excellence of the manly form we have also an opportunity of noting or the bathing beach at Newport every afterneon at one o'clock, when the ascent of a faz announces that bathing in the natural way is permitted In an instant the beach is covered with Apollos, many of which Paidias whould have been glad to translate into snowy marble or imperishable bronze. Much has changed in three thousand years, but

the human form divine has not changed. Base ball is now to Americans what originat has long been to Englishmen. Unfortunately the practice of professional playing harbacome almost universal in this country. Taere are professional cricketers in England, but they are comparatively few. Once a year there is a great match of "gentlemen against players," in which, by the way, the gentle-

men sometimes come off victors In this country every large town supports its local club of professional ball players, who are paid salaries, and spend their whole time in doing nothing but playing ball. If a census were taken this year probably more than three thousand young men would class their occupation as 'base-ball players."

That the business is a bad one for the young men themselves, every one can see That it has a bad tendercy among those who go to professional matches, is evident to thoughtful observers. The numerous betting places and 'prol-rooms' in the large cities where throngs of men and boys assemble to gamble over the result of ball games, are evidence of the effect which professional

base ball has upon a class of the community. There is no better or more exciting sport than base ball; but let it be an athletic sport tween hired men, who may be honest or not. who devote themselves to a life which no | ing the wat.'

boy having high aims in life would choose

Meteors.

for himself. Moreover, the associations of the professional ball-field are more than questionable. Many worthy and respectable men go, it is true, but one can there hear as much bad grammar and profane language, and smell as much vile tobacco smoke in an afternoon, as upon a race course. Play ball and patronize games where the winners are satisfied with the honor of winning. Avoid the valgar displays of skill that is paid for at so much a month, and that a most inevitably leads to betting and kindred vices.

Outdore Life.

|American Home Man seems planned for an outdore life in a mild climate, with just a leaf or two of shelter for a rainy day. His nature will bend for a time to the conventional burdens of an artificial civilization, but replant him on the outdore garden of his and his recuperative forces will rebound with the elastic encatch a glimpse of the game from some dis | ergy of steel springs relieved. Our frahtonable friends would lose casts were they to use their neighbors' second hand clothing. but they will daily try to purify their own blocd with their neighbors' second hand or fen times-used breath, poisoned as it always is, even when exhaled by young and bealthy persons. Man, in common with other warm-blooded creatures, generates a sulphus of heat within his body. Outlors sleepers find that no matter how cold the sucrounding air may be, if dry, enough of the outflowing heat may be dammed back and retained by sultable clothing to sustain the vital functions in health and comfort. Until demestic art can supply our lungs with cool, first more gaged air, in warm rooms, its votaries will have an important problem to solve. In the meantime outcampers and hovel dwellers will wear the best serated blood in the land.

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## Out in a Snowstorm.

"There are some things that leave indelible marks on a man's memory. Nothing which happens afterward can effact them. And when memory is perpetually assisted by some bodily pain or trouble, it becomes all the more v.v.d."

The speaker was Mr. Jonathan Sullivan, the popular druggist of Boston. No man in the trade is better known there, or possesses a greater host of friends. His place of business at the corner of Beacon and Tremont streets, is a familiar landmark on those crowded thoroughfares.

Continuing, Mr. Sullivan said: "I was in the service of the Government during the war-those > terrible years from 1861 to 1865. I remember particularly one winter. A severe snowstorm was racing, and the boys keenly missed the snug homes they had left in the distant North. At the time I was suffering from an external injury, and the exposure gave me my first taste of rhaumatism-something much worse and more difficult to cure than any ordinary wound, Few of us are liable to be bayoneted or shot, but everybody everywhere is daily in danger of contracting rheumatism to a more or less medified form. Most pains-not clearly trace able to other causes-are rheumatic. They may be in joints, in the back or in any of a hundred places, they may come to-day and go to morrow,

or they may remain for years, or for life,

"I hope yours ended with the war," said I.
"Unhapplity it did not," replied Mr. Sullivan,
I have suffered from it ever since. Whether I shall ever get rid of it altogether I can't say, but one thing I can say: that the most certain, speedy and efficient relief I have ever found for it is Benson's Capcine Plaste. I deal in medicines, as you know, and am con-sequently acquainted with everything that is used for all kinds of maladies; and, without denying Let the boys train their own bodies and admire physical perfection in others; but let
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